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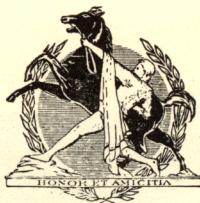
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EDITORIAL

Professionalism — Yes!

SUGGESTION that Australian cricketers undertake the next English tour as acknowledged professionals involves no more than the loss of a sham title—amateurism.

Nobody—not the English public, the Australian public, the English cricketers, and certainly not the Australian cricketers themselves—ever believed that our representatives were other than professionals. Rather did they feel humbled by the hypocrisy which created a distinction between them and genuine English professionals.

On any other than a professional basis—meaning payment for services—not any of our players could have afforded the loss of income involved. Reduce their emoluments to, say, a few bob a day spending allowance, and no bonus, then see how many acceptors there will be for the next English tour.

Tennis players of all countries

are in the same category. They and the cricketers should combine to demand that the remnants be removed by a class-conscious system which two world wars in a generation knocked rotten.

“Goodwill” the Word

JARRING notes which occasionally threatened the main purpose of the English cricket tour—that is, goodwill—faded out fortunately, and the finale was marked by a crescendo of cordialities.

This was as it should have been in the beginning, and as it possibly would have been but for sensation-chasing, chiefly the indulgence of a section of English correspondents.

In high-tension games, spotlighted by public interest, incidents are inevitable, more or less. These need not necessarily cause disharmony. Danger lies in their being whipped up until

they become issues—international issues. Once the friendly field becomes a controversial forum, good-bye to sport.

Happily, the spoil-sports, few as they were, and noisy as they turned out, found that the game survived their shrill trumpeting.

Bernborough's Value

BERNBOROUGH'S value as a racehorse we know. His value as a sire we have yet to know. Already a Sydney columnist is convinced of the horse's value as an advertisement, putting it this way:

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer have so much money—if you don't believe that, offer them a theatre in any of the capital cities—that they probably would not have disputed as to whether the 90,000 mentioned as the price paid for Bernborough, should have been defined as dollars or pounds. A reasonable supposition is that, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer would have anted up and counted the world advertisement cheap at the price.

THE CLUB MAN'S DIARY

CLAIMED for Jimmy Abbs—according to a daily newspaper report—is that he is the only man in Australia capable of inducing a kookaburra to laugh at any time. You remember Jimmy Abbs—trainer of Mosaic, winner of the Sydney Cup twice, and of Sir Regent, among others. When Jimmy looked in recently at Tattersall's Club from his out-of-town retreat, friends told of his pet goose, "which is as good as any watch-dog," and of the wild cat he had tamed. Jimmy's only recorded failure has been in the matter of keeping sea-gulls and goldfish. He found casualties among the goldfish too heavy.

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A TELEPHONE crank who says he is a horse doctor and rings up people to describe imaginary treatment to "patients" is causing some annoyance in the eastern suburbs (the "Daily Mirror" reports). He telephones subscribers who advertise in morning papers. A man living in Blair Street, Bondi, who inserted an advertisement about his little daughter's lost school bag, received a call from the crank. The caller said he had some news about the lost bag and added that he was a horse doctor. "As a matter of fact, I have a horse in the room with me now," he said. "Listen." Then followed whinnying and kicking sounds. Another victim said the crank acted like a "frustrated radio effects man."

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WALLY RYAN, part-owner of New Zealand bred Rotoiti, had his Newmarket trip to Melbourne spoiled by lack of news. Rotoiti was to have raced at Canterbury, in Sydney, on Newmarket day, but at Flemington there was no news. Winners from Canterbury were posted, but no mention of Rotoiti. Newspapers also had no tidings and no mention—they do not bother much about Sydney races in Melbourne—so that there became the necessity for wider investigation. The day was saved—but not the worry. Rotoiti did not start.

MEMBERS will regret to learn of the serious indisposition of Mr. E. J. Gravestock, well known in the theatrical world. Many interesting articles from his pen have appeared in this magazine from time to time. While holidaying at Jervis Bay this month, Mr. Gravestock suffered a stroke and was conveyed to Shoalhaven Hospital. His two daughters were summoned to his bedside from Melbourne and New Zealand respectively.

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W. S. KIRWAN went to Melbourne primarily to concentrate on Native Son's Newmarket Handicap. The rains came and washed out

BIRTHDAYS

MARCH.

4th Roy Hendy, C.M.G.	15th E. A. Moore
H. L. Lambert	17th P. Nolan
5th F. J. Carberry	18th H. R. Leeder
6th A. A. Ritchie	25th J. Broadbent
V. C. Bear	Mark Whitby
10th A. G. Collins	26th J. A. Roles
11th J. H. E. Nathan	M. Frank Albert
14th G. W. Savage	S. Goldberg

APRIL.

5th Norman McLeod	12th C. L. Fader
W. J. McIver	22nd J. W. Brecken-
6th R. W. Evans	ridge
G. E. Nagel	23rd D. Lotherington
8th M. V. Gibson	24th H. R. McLeod
10th K. A. Bennett	25th Hector Reid
W. R. Dovey,	30th P. T. Kavanagh
K.C.	

Newmarket hopes so far as Native Son was concerned. Back home to Sydney he went, beaten but not disgraced. Previously, however, W. S. K. had been journeying round the country fixtures in Victoria, and had found them entertaining, at least, if not profitable.

Really good meetings, adjacent to Melbourne, on week days, amazed Sydney visitors.

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REG INGLIS went off to Melbourne for a busman's holiday—to see his confrere, W. S. Cox, sell a big catalogue of yearlings. He has 606 youngsters to pass through his hands, and try out his vocal cords at the Sydney Easter Sales. One could almost feel Mr. Inglis wince each time Mr. Cox—when parading the Victorian youngsters—rubber in "And Victoria has supplied the best horses in Australia."

WILLIAM GRANT (BILL) BUCKLE, who died in Sydney on March 9, had been for many years a prominent figure in the motor trade and in the sporting world. He allied with an honest directness of speech a charm of manner, and he entered into everything, from business to handball—which he played regularly in this club—with extraordinary zest. He became a member here in 20/5/29.

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CYRIL IVES took time off during his business trip to Melbourne to see Victory Lad carry his wife's colours in the Newmarket Handicap at Flemington. Victory Lad probably tried harder to win than most horses in any race, but he was not good enough on this occasion. He has been a splendid money-spinner and source of pleasure to the Ives menage, and he will spin again to good purpose.

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C. G. MURRAY, down from the Walgett district, talked of old times and old-timers with Syd. Baker in the club. In other days, Mr. Murray used to breed, race and ride his own horses. In 1935 he won the Australian Hurdle Race with Sixteen Annas.

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E. A. BOWLER, owner of Air Flare, Canterbury Cup winner, had raced Lord Barwon in partnership with his late brother Jim. Incidentally, the crack N.Z. three-year-old of the time acquired the title, Lord, when he arrived in Australia to avoid confusion with another horse named similarly.

Friend of the Bowler family said after the Cup had been presented: "Lord Barwon had a bad crossing from N.Z. and did not acclimatise. That was bad luck. Ernest Bowler is, as Jim was, a fine sportsman. They had planned to race in Sydney and in Melbourne, and to have a crack at Melbourne, Caulfield and Sydney Cups, for the sport of it. Jim's death intervened, unfortunately. Air Flare's owner flew across from West Australia to see the Canterbury Cup run, and well deserved the reward of a win."

AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB AUTUMN MEETING

To be held at Randwick

APRIL 5th, 7th, 9th and 12th, 1947.

PRINCIPAL EVENTS

First Day : SATURDAY, APRIL 5th

THE A.J.C. SIRES' PRODUCE STAKES, £4,000 added Seven Furlongs
THE DONCASTER HANDICAP, £3,500 added One Mile
THE A.J.C. St. LEGER, £2,000 added One Mile and Three-quarters

Second Day: MONDAY (Easter Monday), APRIL 7th

THE SYDNEY CUP, £6000 added and a Gold Cup valued at £250 Two Miles

Third Day : WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9th

THE ALL-AGED STAKES, £1,500 added One Mile
THE CHAMPAGNE STAKES, £2,000 added Six Furlongs

Fourth Day : SATURDAY, APRIL 12th

THE ADRIAN KNOX STAKES (For Three-Year-Old Fillies), £2,000 added,
One Mile and a Quarter
THE A.J.C. PLATE, £1,500 added Two Miles and a Quarter

Admission tickets for the Saddling Paddock only may be purchased at the Hotel Australia, Castlereagh Street, on the afternoon before and on the day of the races.

T. NICHOLSON,
Racing Secretary,
6 Bligh Street, Sydney.

W. N. PARRY-OKEDEN,
Secretary.

THE CLUB MAN'S DIARY—Continued

A STORY straight from the stable relates to the leasing of a fractious horse by one trainer to another with more faith in mankind and the moods of steeds. The lessee took charge of the horse at 9 o'clock in the morning, and it was not until 4 o'clock in the afternoon that he was able to dismount—then, as a matter of fact, having been thrown into a sandheap.

During the long and futile attempts to dismount, the lessee managed to direct the horse homeward, and he was handed lunch by his wife over the back fence—in those brief periods when the steed lapsed into docility.

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A SCHOOLTEACHER directed her class to compose a fiction narrative. The most interesting story submitted ran as follows:—

"A poor young man fell in love with the daughter of a rich lady who kept a sweet shop. The poor young man could not marry the rich lady's daughter because he had not money enough to buy any furniture. A wicked man offered to give the young man £20 if he would become a drunkard. The young man wanted the money very much, so he could marry the rich lady's daughter, but when he got to the saloon he turned to the wicked man and said: 'I will not become a drunkard even for £20. Get thee behind me, Satan.' On his way home he found a pocketbook containing £1,000,000 in gold. Then the young lady consented to marry him. They had a beautiful wedding, and the next day they had twins. Thus you see that Virtue has its own reward."

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A STORY attributed to Toshack by a Sydney newspaper: "In a country match between Parkes and Cowra, Pepper hit a ball right out of Parkes ground in the direction of the railway line. And, believe it or not, that ball landed in an open railway truck and finished up in Canowindra," concluded Toshack.

Footnote: Similar story was tagged to Dr. Grace when he visited Australia in the seventies—but a good yarn bears repeating.

EDGAR WALLACE Story: He was a born gambler at the card table or on the turf. Once . . . I joined him, rashly, in a game of poker. He had a royal flush—the rarest thing (sic)—and scooped the pool. The landlord offered to take a hand. Wallace bid him up for high stakes. The landlord thought he was bluffing. But, incredible as it seems, Wallace . . . revealed another royal flush.

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FROM Page 16 onwards readers will note a series of quizzes on Billiards and Snooker. In view of the importance of the Club's tournament about to start, this was deemed necessary. If there is any point on which any member is not clear, a query to our secretary will be much appreciated.

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TOMMY SANDERS, rider of Melbourne Cup winner 60 years ago, told me the other day that jockeys were barred from owning horses or betting on them because of his course activities. In his heyday jockeys were allowed to bet. He was the biggest bettor of them all, and bookies used to crowd round him for his wagers as he mounted and left the enclosure to ride on a race. As his horse strolled out he called his bets to the books. "I kept them in my head and never forgot a bet," he said. He claims he landed a £50,000 coup on a horse which appeared in the race book as owned, trained, and ridden by him. Before he retired clubs drew up rules banning jockeys from owning horses or betting on them. The rule is still in force, writes Cliff Graves in the "Sunday Telegraph."

DEATHS.

GEORGE L. GEE,
Died 22/2/1947.
Elected to Membership 9/1/1928.

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RAYMOND W. BURKE,
Died 25/2/1947.
Elected to Membership
26/6/1944.

WHEN Flight's win over Attley was broadcast at the Canterbury Cup meeting, there were cheers in the members' stand, as much for the sporting owner—A.J.C. Committeeman Brian Cowley, who sent his champion up against champions, including Bernborough—as for the game mare.

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TWO of our members, Messrs. W. W. Hill and George Chiene, were among the guests at the annual Newtown Football Club's re-union during the month. Each year this function takes place at the spacious home of Harry Stead at "The Outlook" Yowie Bay and oldtimers regard it as a tragedy to miss. Stead, incidentally, is a gardener of renown and on two successive occasions won the Lady Davidson prize for amateur gardeners. In a centre bed he displays a terazzo slab mounted artistically and bearing the following:

The kiss of the Sun is for pardon
The song of the bird is for mirth;
The nearer God's heart is a
garden
Than anywhere else on earth.

Records of catches in Test matches to date, as mentioned by Vic Richardson in his Test broadcast over the A.B.C. network: Hammond—who started the latest series with 38—44; Trumble (Aus.) 43, Dr. W. G. Grace (Eng.) 39, Armstrong (Aus.) 36, Braund (Eng.) 35, Rhodes (Eng.) 34, S. E. Gregory (Aus.) 30, Hill (Aus.) 29, Shrewsbury (Eng.) 29, Noble (Aus.) 25, McLaren (Eng.) 25, Trumper (Aus.) 24.

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There is a curio of interest to sportsmen preserved in an old Surrey coaching inn, "The Lion," in Guildford High Street. It is the original hunting horn used by John Peel.

It was sold by his son, John Peel, in Cokermonth auction market on June 7, 1886. The horn is surprisingly small and light. With the horn is the declaration of authority given by John Peel's son to Mr. John Rigg, the purchaser.—"The Field."

Horse of the Month

Flight Tops the Score

Flight became the first equine lady in the land when she downed the Victorian champion Attley in the Essendon Stakes at Flemington. She has won her way to the front by exhibitions of grit and tenacity which gives the lie direct to this weaker sex stuff.

NOT so long ago it was customary to make all kinds of excuses for mares:

That they could not race at their best on very hot days.

That they were handicapped by the physical disadvantages of their sex.

And among others, they would always be beaten by males of equal class.

Flight—in common with other good mares—has exploded these pet theories.

She has raced through the heat and won; has won when she should not have been at her best, and had her turn at least when some of the males had to attempt to bite her to beat her.

Flight, however, is a personality and probably more masculine than feminine in her general demeanour. She is the perfect hard-working racehorse and even from her early days she detested frills and strangers.

She was—and is—quite capable of putting any stranger out of her box and will stand no kind of nonsense.

Even her trainer, Frank Nowland, has to approach her cautiously, and while D. Watts has been a regular and faithful attendant, no matter whether she has been training at Randwick or spelling in Toowoomba, "Watty" has to be on his guard. Flight could yard him up in the corner of her box with or without provocation.

Yet on the racecourse she has been the soul of generosity. Who of us who have not seen her battling on in front, slipping round turns, and then refusing to give in, no matter how desperate the battle, have not paid silent or more pronounced respect for a great mare?

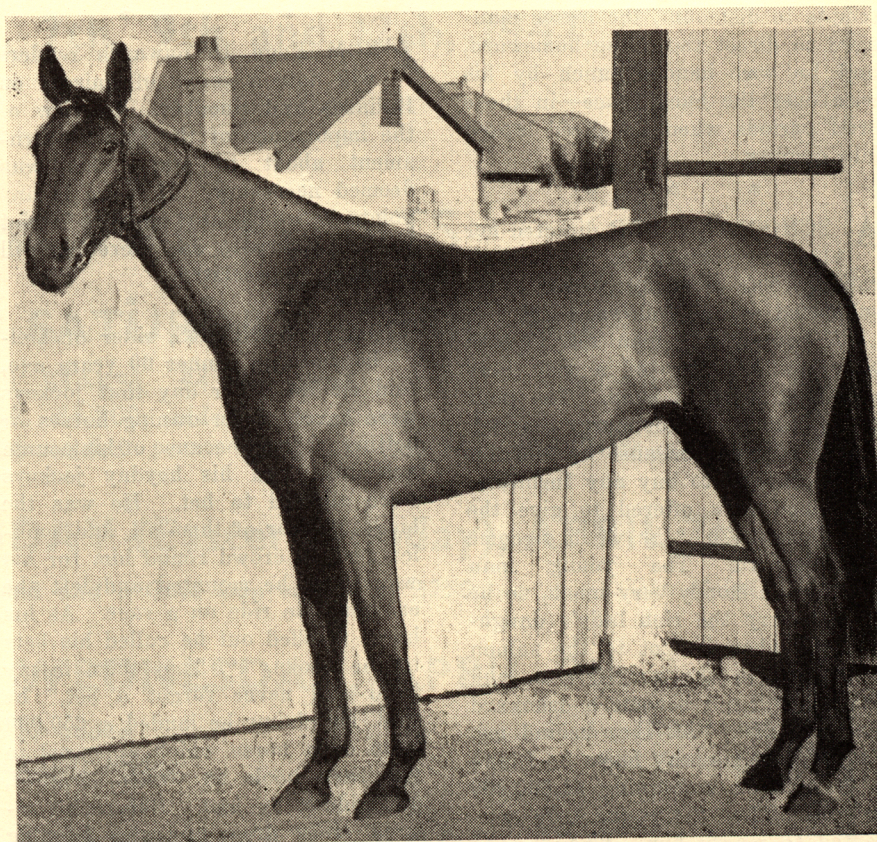
Now a six-year-old, she has raced in three States, and has won in N.S.W. and Victoria, but failed in Brisbane when obvious-

ly not her true self. She has run in 62 races, among them a Melbourne Cup and a Sydney Cup, but she has not been a handicap success.

racing, for she won her first race in the December of her two-year-old season, and has carried on without a setback.

Her peculiarities are that she likes to run her races in front, and dislikes to a proportionate degree to win gallops. It would seem almost that she realised that track work did not pay direct dividends.

Many jockeys have had rides on Flight throughout her five seasons, but probably J. O'Sul-



MR. B. H. CROWLEY'S FLIGHT.

Weight-for-age racing has become her speciality, and altogether in her races to date of all kinds she has earned £30,202, which takes her nicely ahead of Tranquil Star's £29,690; which previously was the record.

No doubt Mr. B. H. Crowley, who has raced Flight, will endeavour to build on this total and consolidate Flight's position before she retires to the stud at the end of the present racing season.

She is a good case for those who support early two-year-old

livan, who has been her last jockey, has been the most successful. O'Sullivan's style and tactics have suited Flight, and the combination seemed to have in common a determination not to give in.

Sold for 60 guineas as a yearling, Flight was one of the bargains in horses every turf follower dreams about.

She has been a wonderful mare, and it is to be hoped that there will be no reactions from her exacting racing experience to prejudice her career as a matron.

THIS YEAR'S YEARLING SALES

"Brother of Shannon"

Australia's Number One Racehorse, Shannon, receives his greatest compliment in this year's yearling catalogue. Lot 115, the Midstream—Idle Words colt, simply is described "Brother to Shannon". Ten times the length of explanatory matter in most other cases does not mean a tenth as much.

ON Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, April 8, 10 and 11, Mr. Reg. Inglis will have to battle through a catalogue of 606 yearlings at the rate of roughly 200 a day.

All of this would be easy if he could announce them simply as the brother to Shannon. This colt, a replica of Shannon, and some of the others, will sell themselves, but the majority will have to be sold.

More than 150 breeders will be represented, a proportion of them being practically single horse enthusiasts, but the growing interest in breeding, apart from its purely money angle, is to be considered.

Sires represented mainly are well known to the racing public and to buyers, but there are five interesting newcomers, Yaralla, Parnassus, John Dory, Dirk, and Amaranthus.

Yaralla has 16 representatives in the catalogue, a good percentage for his first season.

Parnassus, from New Zealand, is a half-brother by Phaleron Boy to Royal Chief, and a promising horse whose career was ended by accident when a two-year-old.

John Dory will be recalled when carrying Mr. M. Dann's colours in Sydney, but Dirk, a sire of many good winners in New Zealand, hails from England, where he raced only as a

two-year-old. He is a half-brother to Beau Pere and Mr. Standfast, by Nothing Venture from Cinna.

Amaranthus is by the Irish St. Leger winner Beaudelaire, and a winner in England.

Yearlings so far inspected show the customary high level, and who is not to know that among this band there is not another Flight or some equally impressive champion waiting to be discovered and trained to be the idol of the racecourse.

For a big purse not always is necessary to buy a champion. He or she has to be discovered.

As showing that horses have human tendencies, Maurice McCarten quoted Kuvera: "He was a show-off in the presence of a crowd. Had Kuvera been human he would have worn a bowler hat at a rakish angle and a gay bow tie—a real party boy." Of Limerick: "He would have been one of those tall, aloof Englishmen sporting cane and eyeglass, inhabiting the best clubs."



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Comforting Atmosphere in Melbourne

Autumn Meeting Charms

Racing round Melbourne in the Autumn has its own particular charm, for whereas the Newmarket Handicap and the Australian Cup do not have the hectic atmosphere of Melbourne Cup time, there is a cheery interstate atmosphere which is entirely comforting.

ONE day at the Victorian Club bar I found myself one of a party which included men from Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, and Western Australia. Only the island State of Tasmania was lacking.

During the course of the Victorian autumn meeting when the green tracks, green trees, and freshness of Victoria, gladdened the visitors, much to do with racing was discussed.

Main points in which visitors were interested, apart from actual racing and yearling sales, were in the possibilities of securing camera finish apparatus for Queensland and South Australia,

and a very general interest in improved totalisator appliances which almost can talk.

In this respect there is little more to be done to them to make them as vocal as some of the bookmakers.

The prominence of interstate interests was not confined to humans, for Flight was the heroine of Newmarket day when she won her second Essendon Stakes. El Grandee was successful only at Caulfield, but he paid for his southern trip.

Spawater, in comparison, was not so prominent in advertising South Australia, because he was only a hurdle winner, but there have been few more dashing jumpers in recent years. Almost

it was worth while coming from Sydney to see him in action over the fences.

Bookmakers came along in fair strength, and there were many extra interstate visitors for the middle day on Wednesday.

They came ostensibly for the yearling sales on Monday and Tuesday, and stayed for the races on Wednesday.

This mid-week feature, the first of its kind for six years, caught a number of regular racing people unawares. For some peculiar reason the return to a three day autumn meeting received little publicity.

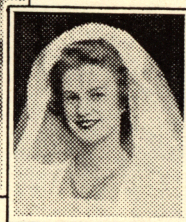
Two of the club's leading bookmakers had a friendly argument which resulted in one laying the other £100 to £10 that there was a Wednesday meeting at Flemington. Naturally he collected the highest legal tender.

Yes, it was nice to be in Melbourne again, and a walk along Collins Street was a joy—even in cool rain.

—W. S. H.

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INTERNATIONAL RACING

Joint Control

A comprehensive policy for the early promotion of international racing on a grand scale in the United States is being sponsored by leading turf authorities there and the main point among suggestions being considered is that it should be under the joint direction of the participating countries.

FAST air-freighters travelling between the countries interested will boost international racing in the next few years, and it is expected that when proposals have become reality, the nations concerned will be the United States, Mexico, Australia, England, France, Spain and the main South American countries.

Already in several countries there are races which attract international representation, including the King George IV Stakes, the Grand Prix de Paris, the Grand International d'Ostende and the Grand Premio Brasil (Brazil).

In the United States, racing authorities interested in the international aspect of racing are asking—Can we have (the question is addressed to the racing people of many countries) a group of world races, each renewed annually, each moving year by year from one country to another, keeping its conditions but changing its locality?

Next autumn in New York the Empire Gold Cup of 100,000 dollars will be run, and it is hoped it will be the forerunner of many important events with an international atmosphere in the United States.

The conditions have not yet been announced. The management at Empire City race-track which will stage the race might possibly wish to launch its race for the first year and then turn it over to an international turf body to start next year on a journey around the world.

Much thought is to be given to international racing in the States and the famous Kentucky breeding journal, "The Blood-Horse," suggests that these points should be considered:—

1. The races should be for horses four years old and up, because (a) they would provide an incentive for keeping top-class three-year-olds in training, (b) they would find hemispheric age differences minimised, (c) they would not interfere with the routine of three-year-old classics.

2. There should be at least four such world races, three of them at a mile, a mile and a half, and two miles, open to males and females (and possibly geldings), and a fourth exclusively for fillies and mares, at a distance of, say, a mile and a half. Other races which might be set up would be one at six furlongs (1200 metres) and a steeplechase.

3. No two of the races should be run in the same country in the same year.

4. Each race should be at scale weights, accepting, each year, the scale of the country in which it is run.

5. The track conditions of each country should be accepted without change (unless experience

proves very definitely that horses raced on turf are at a distinct disadvantage on dirt tracks, in which case it might be advisable to provide that all races be run on turf).

6. The races should be financed from a common treasury, the value of each remaining constant, except for necessary adjustments, as it moves from one country to another.

7. Expenses of qualified candidates travelling to each race from another country should be paid from the treasury, provided the horse returns to its own country.

8. The management of the entire series should be under the direction of a board of governors comprised of three representatives (with staggered three-year terms) from each participating country. After formulating general principles they could leave the management of each race to sectional executive committees.

9. The question of which tracks would be hosts to each race should be left for decision within each country, possibly within limits or specifications laid down by the board of governors.

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The World of Sport

APPARENTLY Arthur Mailey wants to have batsmen wrapped up in cotton wool in international games. What other conclusion may be drawn from his comment in the "Sunday Telegraph":

"Without trying to create controversy, the bowling of Ray Lindwall yesterday was as close to intimidatory as I have seen since an official embargo was placed on fast leg theory. I am, and always have been, in favour of a bowler using his pace to the best advantage and placing a suitable field. Consequently, I personally agree with Lindwall's form of attack. But, since there is an official edict which prohibits intimidatory bowling, I feel that the umpires in charge of the game yesterday did some very serious thinking when Hutton was compelled to leave the ground, and later when Edrich received a blow which flattened him on the ground.

If this bowling is within the law, then I would like to know the meaning of intimidatory bowling."

An international cricketer is armed with a bat to hit the ball on all occasions and to protect himself on exceptional occasions—against bumping deliveries in particular. Just as Bradman, Woodfull and others should have protected themselves against Larwood—or, better, belted him to the boundary, as McCabe did on a notable occasion, and as Syd Gregory, among others of the pre-Bradman days, would have done—so should Hutton and Edrich have protected themselves against Lush and Lindwall.

(Mailey evidently would have the game revert to those pleasant old days of under-arm bowling.)

GEO. ANDERSON, leading Queensland trainer, saw his first Futurity. He told me that his Sydney Derby winner, Tea Rose, was in foal to Emborough, sire of Bernborough. If that

doesn't produce a winner one's faith in scientific breeding will be shaken (writes Cliff Graves, in the "Sunday Telegraph.") Anderson also told me of a thoroughbred family affair which he considers a world's record. High Ideas, 28 years old, produced a filly foal this season to Rivoli, also 28 years old. Bernborough's dam was 19 years old when she produced him. Rivoli won our Sydney Derby 25 years ago. High Ideas produced many winners, including champions Strange Idea and Great Idea. For the last 15 years, Rivoli has been her annual consort. She refused all others.

HAMMOND will be 44 in June. When in his prime he was one of the greatest all-rounders of his day. In Test matches against all countries he has made more appearances and scored more runs than any other player (writes "S.M. Herald.")

He has scored 2,852 runs in Tests against Australia. Only D. G. Bradman and J. B. Hobbs have greater aggregates in these Tests. He has made four double centuries in Tests against Australia. No other Englishman has made two double centuries. He holds the record aggregate of 905 runs for an English batsman in an Australian season. He is one of seven Englishmen who have exceeded 50,000 runs in first-class cricket.

Only Jack Hobbs, 197, and "Patsy" Hendren, 170, have made more than his 167 centuries. His two centuries in a match on seven occasions is a record. He took the record number of catches in a season, 78 in 1920, and the record for one match, 10, v. Surrey.

SUCCESS of the Tommy Burns-Jack Johnson fight at the Sydney Stadium was heady wine for promoter Hugh D. McIntosh. He believed—and truly, as it turned out—that the battle had inaugu-



This is a perfect specimen of famous Sydney Cricket Ground scoreboard. It was taken during progress of the Second Test Match. Both Bradman and Barnes went on to score 234 runs each before dismissal, and Australia had a hollow victory. The board is self explanatory.

rated a new era of fisticuffs in the Southern Hemisphere (writes Jack Munro in the "Sydney Morning Herald.")

There were many who told him that any fight promoted after that terrific bout would be anticlimax. They advised McIntosh to get out of promotion, told him that his Stadium had fulfilled its purpose, and had no other life left in it. McIntosh resolutely refused to accept this view. He made a world trip in quest of talent. He had in mind bouts between Jack Johnson and Jim Jeffries, Burns and Sam Langford or Sam McVey, and a few of the other giants. He said he had the money to bring the best to Sydney.

While in New York he offered Jeffries £11,000 to fight world champion Johnson at Rushcutters Bay. McIntosh thought the offer would entice any man to Australia. Jeffries surprisingly countered with a request for £30,000—and staggered the hopes of McIntosh. The demand was preposterous, and it is certain that Jeffries knew it could not be met. There can be no doubt that Jeffries took that way of refusing to meet Johnson who, by the way, could have been obtained for the bout for £6,000—win, lose or draw.

However, McIntosh's trip was fruitful. He signed up many boxers of world class to come to Australia—among them Bob Fitzsimmons, whom McIntosh engaged in New York in August, 1909, to fight Bill Lang on Boxing Day that year.

NEW ZEALAND Rugby Union's decision to send a team to Australia this season should provide the code with an opportunity to build up its players for the English tour and to attract those among the public who are ordinarily League-conscious.

N.Z. Rugby Union also discussed rules and favoured a 2-3-2 scrum by two votes—34 to 32.

A motion to play 14 men aside was defeated, and the meeting was unanimous in its voting for the elimination of the

mark. They recommended that points for a field goal be reduced to three. If the mark is retained, any goals coming from such marks should be reduced in value to two points instead of three. The proposals will have to be approved by the international conference before they can become effective.

THE colt Stepfather, by the Australian stallion, Beau Pere, brought the record price of £62,500 at the auction last night of Louis B. Mayer's racing stable (says a New York message to Sydney "Daily Telegraph.")

Stepfather is a strong contender for the forthcoming Santa Anita Derby, worth £31,250. The colt is also nominated for the big spring three-year-old events—Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont Stakes. His new owner is moving picture producer Harry M. Warner. Scores of leading turf figures and hundreds of screen and social personalities attended the auction at the Santa Anita Turf Club. Specially-installed spotlights blazed from the roof of the club-house and from

each side of the auction ring, highlighting the 60 thoroughbreds as they came up for sale.

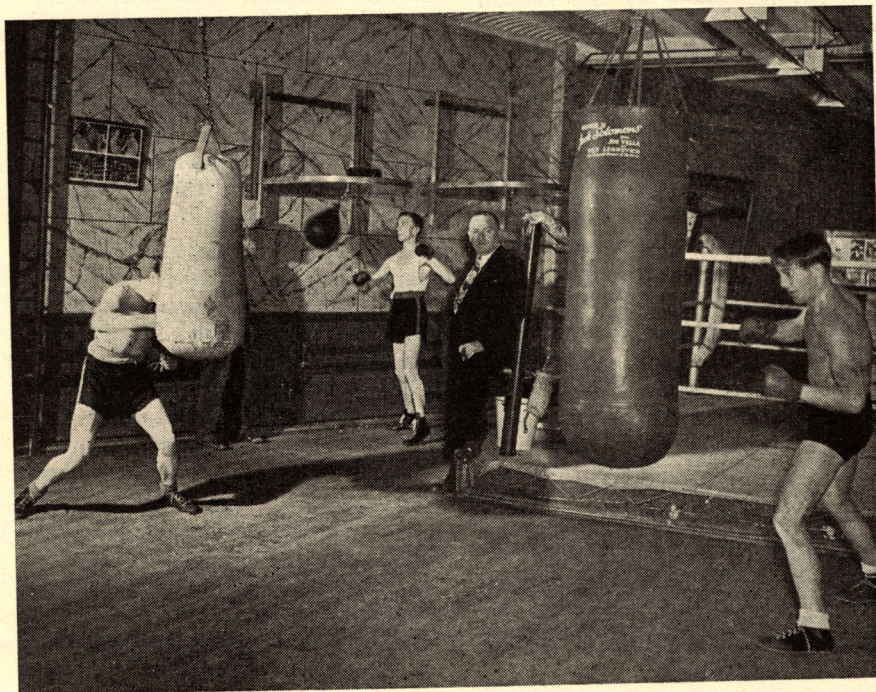
ACCORDING to a New York message, published in Sydney "Sun," Davis Cup player Bill Talbert, said that Gardnar Mulloy had not misbehaved in Australia, and was the victim of "unreasonable attacks from sports writers."

Con Simons, "Sun" tennis writer, replied:

Reporters covering the Davis Cup could have published many stories to the detriment of the American team, but preferred to leave them unsaid. Talbert in particular was not an "angel" on the tour.

Mulloy was an argumentative type, and to me complained more than once the way he was treated by Walter Pate and other members of the team.

It was Mulloy who inspired the "Bromwich dropping the ball" incident. No matter who was to blame for the disturbance at the White City it was unseemly conduct by a high-class player, and there is no excuse.



HOW THEY DO THINGS IN ENGLAND.—Jack Solomons takes a keen interest in the boxers using his gymnasium. He has just issued an open invitation to boys between 14 and 23 to come to the gym for a test. He will pay all expenses and sign up likely boxers. Boxers in this picture are: Left, Chris Adcock, welterweight, Rochdale; Mick McCann, welter, Dublin; and Tommy Darnham, lightweight, of Fulham. He is punching a bag gift of Gus Lesnevitch and his trainer Joe Velle.

SWIMMING POOL NOTES

Pat Eiseman Stars

Hero of the February races was Pat Eiseman, who not only collected the January-February Point Score, after dead-heating for the previous monthly series, but got down amongst the stars by swimming $20\frac{1}{2}$ secs. for 40 yards.

He started the season on the 25 secs. mark, so it's easy to see how the club races have improved him. Pat's hydroplane action is one of the sights of the Pool and has landed him into leading place in the season's total Point Score with 68 points.

Following him with 57 points is Clive Hoole, Pat's successful partner in several Brace Relays.

Another improver is S. B. Solomon, who is down to $28\frac{3}{5}$ secs., and won a fine 40 yards handicap with a good finish.

A most popular win in the last February event was that of Peter Lindsay, who partnered Sid Lorking in a Brace Relay and won his first race of the season

after hardly missing one since the start. Incidentally this was Lorking's first win.

Vic Richards has been out of luck so far, as he has not landed a win, though he has been swimming as well as ever. It won't be long, though, before his pace will get him into a first place.

Welcome reappearance was that of Judge A. E. Rainbow, familiarly known as Alf to the Pool habitués. There was a time when the ex-Rugby Union star could get close to the minute for the hundred, and though the handicapper does not place him in that category these days, and has him on a good handicap, don't be surprised if he catches the judge's eye soon.

Best times in the 40 yards races of the past month were:—K. Eiseman $20\frac{1}{2}$ secs., S. Lorking $22\frac{1}{2}$ and G. Boulton 23.

Latest newcomer to join up is M. Aronson, who had his time trial late in the month. He reckoned he could beat the club limit marker, Edwin Penfold, and it appears he was modest about that, as the clock showed his trial at 30 secs., which is better than both Penfold and George Goldie.

Results:—

80 Yards Brace Relay Handicap, 11th February, 1947.—C. Hoole and K. Eiseman (46), 1; T. H. English and P. Lindsay (52), 2. Time, 45 secs.

40 Yards Handicap, 18th February, 1947.—S. B. Solomon (30) 1, K. Eiseman (22) 2, G. Boulton (23) 3. Time, $28\frac{3}{5}$ secs.

80 Yards Handicap, 25th February, 1947.—P. Lindsay and S. Lorking (48) 1, C. Hoole and K. Eiseman (46) 2, D. Wilson and G. Boulton (50) and S. Murray and T. H. English (50), tie, 3. Time, 46 secs.

January-February Point Score: K. Eiseman, 25 points, 1; C. Hoole, 22, 2; S. B. Solomon, 19, 3; T. H. English, 16, 4; S. Murray, 15, 5; P. Lindsay, 14,

6; S. Lorking, $13\frac{1}{2}$, 7; G. Boulton and E. T. Penfold, 13, 8; J. Grant and G. Goldie, 12, 10.

1946-47 Point Score.—Leaders in the season's Point Score to the end of February are:—K. Eiseman 68 points, C. Hoole 57, S. Murray $50\frac{1}{2}$, G. Boulton $47\frac{1}{2}$, T. H. English and G. Goldie $45\frac{1}{2}$, N. P. Murphy 44, K. Hunter 43, P. Lindsay $42\frac{1}{2}$, G. Carr 35, S. B. Solomon $33\frac{1}{2}$, S. Lorking $32\frac{1}{2}$, H. E. Davis 31, V. Richards $30\frac{1}{2}$, T. A. Richards 28, A. McCamley 25, W. Kendall $24\frac{1}{2}$, K. Williams 22, E. T. Penfold 21, J. Creer 20.

Outside the Club.

With the Australian Swimming Championship of 1946/7 over, talk in the natatorial world, as well as in other athletic circles, is veering round to the Olympic Games, to be held in London next year. Newspaper criticism has been levelled at the Australian Olympic Council over its so-called sleepy attitude towards the 1948 Games.

But it is not generally known that the Olympic Council is not the important body it was in previous years, when it alone governed the financial side of the tours and selected the teams.

This time each amateur organisation will select its own team and manager and will collect the funds to send its team away. A Team Manager, however, will be selected by the Olympic body.

The new scheme of things has its advantages as well as its disadvantages, chief of the latter being that an athletic body with good financial backing might be able to collect enough to send a team of, say, ten performers away, but may not have one capable of showing up reasonably at the Games. Some other sport, not so well backed financially may possibly be only able to get together enough to send more than a couple of members away, but may have half a dozen up to Olympic standard.

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Of course, all the organisations say now that they will not send anybody away who has the qualifications but with money in hand the tendency may be to use it, irrespective of standards, and send away a team composed of too many "joy-riders."

The selection of the best team to represent Australia, irrespective of whether those selected are runners, rowers, swimmers, etc., by one central selection committee, as in the past, has much to recommend it.

Criticism that amateur bodies are leaving until the last minute preparation of teams cannot be levelled at the swimming authorities. During last winter special callisthenic and coaching classes were held in Sydney, and special bulletins on these lines were issued regularly to country lads and lasses likely to be in the running for selection.

Under the leadership of Forbes Carlile, a Lecturer in Physiology at the University, the preparation of possible Olympians is going forward apace, and is showing results amongst the youngsters.

In addition, the A.S.A. was first in the field in starting the collection of Olympic Funds with its Swing Swim Shows last month, which resulted in a fair collection which would have been much greater only for bad weather.

Noted that in last month's magazine an article asked the question as to why a professional sportsman in one section is not a professional in all.

The answer that he is as far as individual sports go as apart from team sports. The amateur definition of sports which are on the Olympic programme is that a professional in one sport is also one in all others, with the exception that a professional may play in such team sports as cricket or football with amateurs provided he receives no remuneration.

There seems to be an idea abroad that cricketers and tennis players who receive bonuses and extraordinary allowances are still

TEN THOUSAND FEET UP WITH A CRAZED COLT

A maddened colt who threatened to break his way into the pilot's cabin made the first transport of horse by plane from the Argentine to the U.S.A. hazardous for a time.

HOWEVER, the flight and also that of six colts from Ireland to California proves that air transport for horses will play a big part in making the sport international. Three fillies and a colt were carried by Dakota plane from Buenos Aires to New York, a distance of 8250 miles.

The horses showed some concern when the motors were started and accelerated, but were quickly calmed and soon became used to the noise. They again showed fright with the movement of the plane leaving the ground. The three fillies quickly calmed down, but the colt remained upset.

Veterinary professor Dr. Agustin Candiotti, who accompanied

called amateurs by those sports, may compete also as amateurs in swimming, athletics, etc. This is far from the facts as, no matter what they call themselves, these players cannot subscribe to the amateur definition of bodies such as swimming, etc.

Some years ago a very prominent Test cricketer just returned from a tour of England with the Australian XI. was nominated in a team from one of the most select swimming clubs but, much to the indignation of the club concerned, he was barred by an A.S.A. ruling, quite rightly under present rules.

However, it is quite open to question as to whether a man who earns his living in one sport and who is a mere novice in another, but likes it as a relaxation, should be barred from competing as an amateur.

The amateur question is in the melting pot all over the world, and it is on the cards that many far-reaching alterations in rules will be made in the next few years.

the horses, describes the reactions of the colt (Retintin): "Because of air pockets soon after the start of the flight, the pilot began to climb above the heavy clouds, Retintin, which until then had been very nervous and scared, though not out of control, began to feel the effects of the altitude. Retintin, quite beside himself with fear, smashed his head against the aluminium wall of the plane, inflicting a gash over his right eye.

"He began to bite, kick and paw in extraordinary fashion. Three times he jumped out of his box, but we got him back into place. Then a sudden gust rocked the plane, and he jumped over the front of his box and fell on his head, with his neck twisted back under his full weight and his hind legs in the air. Once got to his feet again, with great difficulty the horse was placed sideways in the front part of the plane. He began to kick furiously, and smashed one of the plane's windows. It looked as though he would get his hindquarters into the forward cabin. If he had done this he would have destroyed the instruments, radio, and batteries, and would have put the plane in considerable danger."

"As all efforts to calm the horse failed, the pilot made an emergency landing and the horse was unloaded. The three fillies had remained calm, and the flight was continued to New York. Dr. Candiotti suggests the trip proved the transport of racehorses by air is feasible without much risk. He suggests highly-strung horses, such as Retintin, which showed fear as soon as he was in the plane, be not carried. Otherwise, he thinks intelligent handling to keep control of horses for the first few hours of a flight is all that is necessary.

BIRTH OF MOTOR CARS IN SYDNEY

Friendly discussions on old-time Sydney are always interesting, and there are many of our members who can well remember the introduction of the motor car to Australia. That was only as far back as 1900, and the evolution has been remarkable. In the story below, which is taken from official files, many well-known names appear—several of our members of yesteryear.

IN 1893 an Australian, Knight Eaton, made an attempt to produce a motor that would drive a bicycle. At the time he was manager of the Brisbane branch of the Austral Cycle Agency.

His motor, practically all made by himself, was fitted behind the back wheel. It was not a success, and placed in the freak class.

In the middle of 1898 Gavin Gibson, Ltd., of Sydney, imported seven motor tricycles — the first of their kind.

Alfred O'Brien, winner of a Sydney Thousand push-bike race, was a Gavin Gibson department manager, and he ran the new contraptions through Sydney streets.

They created a furore. Within months, Mademoiselle Serpollette, sister of the famous Paris manufacturer, arrived in Sydney and gave exhibitions on the tricycles on Sydney Cricket Ground.

Just prior to Christmas, 1898, Alf O'Brien rode a tricycle from Sydney G.P.O. to Parramatta G.P.O., a distance, then, of 15 miles by road, in 35 minutes, which was considered remarkably fast.

Coming of the Car.

In 1900, Mr. W. J. C. Elliott, then of the Austral Cycle Agency, Sydney, imported the first motor car to Sydney.

It landed at Messageries Wharf on May 13 of that year.

It was subsequently sold to Mr. A. J. Knowles, who sent it to New Zealand. Shortly afterwards Mr. Knowles imported a similar car, which landed at Adelaide, and was brought overland to Sydney.

He later took this second car to America to have certain improvements of his own design effected. The car stayed in U.S.A.

In October, 1900, Mr. Fisher, later to become secretary of the Automobile Club of Australia, brought a steam car to Sydney from America. It was known as a locomobile.



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In 1900 Mr. Mark Foy imported a car which he sold to Dr. Magill, of Moree.

In October, 1900, a 3-h.p. Benz was imported from Germany by Mr. Henry Vale, of Auburn, and another for Mr. Gillett, manager of Anthony Hordern & Sons.

First Official Outing.

In November, 1901, a number of motorists went to Lady Robinson's Beach, where they met by agreement.

Those present were: H. Vale, Spencer Nolan, C. Highland, H. Jones (Asphalt Company), Mr. Innes (Innes & Mills), Mr. Thurla (McMahon's Point) and Mr. Bradwyn.

Each had a motor car, and it was then believed that the cars assembled that day were the only ones in Sydney.

Mr. Innes' car was 8-h.p. Winton; Highland's a 4-h.p. Cudell; Nolan's 4-h.p. Cudell; Jones', 5-

h.p. Decauville; Vale's 3-h.p. Benz; Bradwyn's, 4-h.p. Piper; Thurla's, a De Dion. Mr. Elliott's pioneer car was a 3½-h.p. De Dion, with a motor similar to that used on motor cycles.

A Long Trip.

Not long after this Mr. O. G. S. Lane drove his 16-20 h.p. Martini from Sydney to Newcastle. Route was via Wiseman's Ferry, Wollombi, St. Auburns and Maitland—a distance of 165 miles. Party left Sydney at 9.30 a.m., to reach Maitland at 7 o'clock, and then motor through to Newcastle, which was reached at 9.30 p.m.

So much for the pioneers. They did a grand job and, in 1905, it was estimated that close up to 250 were owned throughout the State.

Handball Tournament

SEVERAL games in the current tournament were played during the month and the series promises to be well on the way to completion during March.

Results of games played since the last issue of the magazine were:—E. E. Davis (—15) defeated E. S. Pratt (—8), 31-21, G. McGilvray (—11) defeated A. J. Moverley (—9), 31-20; Z. Lazarus (scr.) defeated W. W. Kirwin (5), K. Williams (3) defeated A. McCamley (8), 31-19; C. H. Woodfield (8) defeated N. Barrall (9), 31-29.

In the second round C. H. Woodfield (8) defeated G. Goldie (9), 31-26.

Games to be played to complete the first round are: J. Buckle (—4) v. P. F. Hernon (—11) and J. Harris (3) v. G. Pratten (5).

Second round games to be played are: E. E. Davis v. G. McGilvray, J. A. Coen v. I. Green, E. T. Penfold v. Z. Lazarus, K. Williams v. K. Eisman, G. Carr v. winner of J. Harris-G. Pratten, B. Partridge v. winner J. Buckle-P. Hernon.

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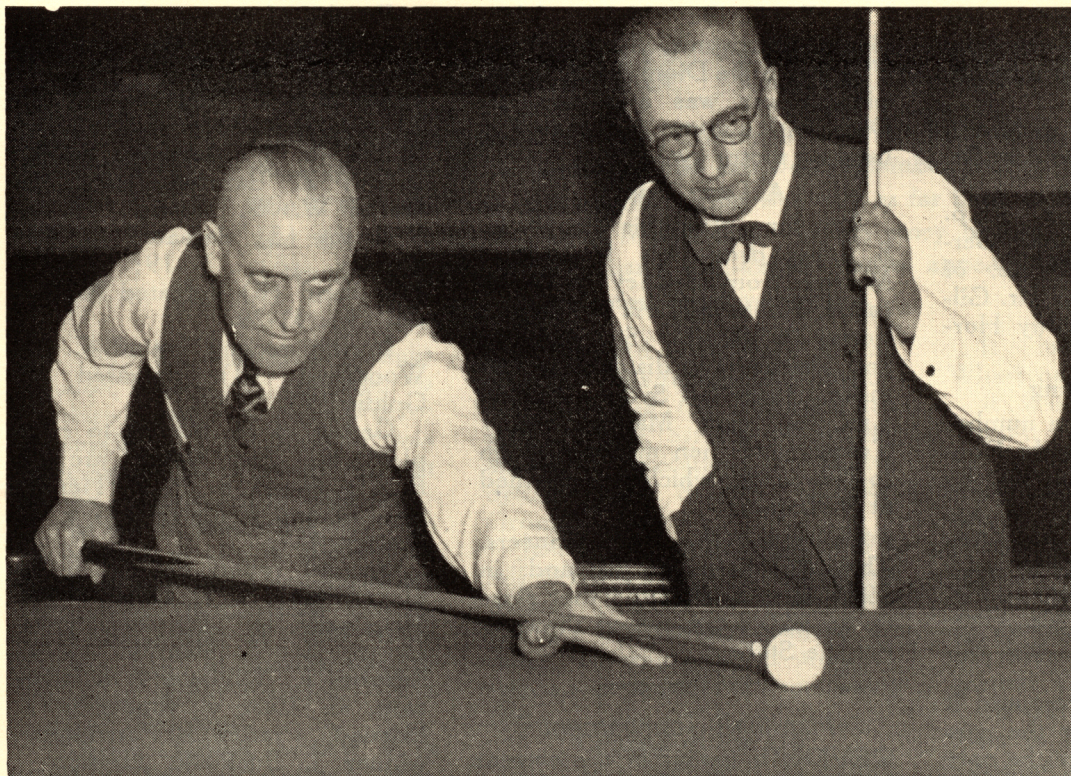
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BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER

The most ambitious billiards and snooker tournaments conducted by our club for many years are about to start. One wonders how many of the contestants really know the rules under which they play. A close study of some of the "teasers"—those unusual happenings which crop up from time to time—may pay big dividends. Much space is being devoted to each section, and the interpretations are official by the Billiards and Control Council (the world governing body). Players should know the rules—the referee HAS to know how to apply each as demanded.

IN billiards, for instance—

1.—When an object-ball is near the baulk-line, the greater portion of it being out of baulk, may the player, playing from

hand, strike that portion of the ball which is in baulk?

Yes; any part of the ball is playable from hand.

2.—Is a ball resting on the baulk-line in or out of baulk?

It is for the purposes of the law, in baulk since half of it is in baulk and half of it is not.

3.—Can a player be penalised for a miss when his cue-ball has made contact with another ball?

Yes. If, in playing from hand, he strikes a ball in baulk without first having struck as ball or cushion out of baulk, he is held to have given a miss. He has also made a foul stroke.

4.—Faced with a double-baulk, player "A" in hand ran a coup. Player "B," in his turn, again left the balls in baulk. Can "A" give another miss without breach of the consecutive misses rule?

Yes. If there is no ball out of baulk a player in hand may run innumerable coups.

5.—Two consecutive misses were made and the player penalised. At his next stroke, with-

out a score or double-baulk intervening, the player gave another miss. Should he be penalised again?

No. The first two misses were condoned by the penalty.

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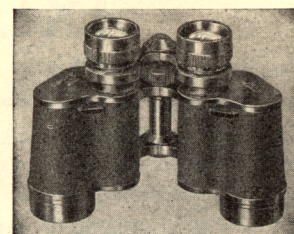
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6.—If the cue-ball is forced on to the top of a cushion and comes to rest there, is the stroke foul?

Yes. Because it has come to rest off the bed of the table.

7.—A player knocked the red off the table. His opponent was well placed for a cross-in-off from the red on spot and elected to have only the red ball spotted. His opponent, who made the foul, insisted that the second player must either have both balls spotted and play from hand or else at the white as the red is off the table.

Answer. The offending player was wrong. The red must **always** be spotted after being forced off the table. But the white need not be placed on the centre spot if the cueist does not desire it so.

8.—Ball is resting on the brink of a pocket and falls in, according to the referee's opinion, through vibration. What happens? The balls are re-spotted.

9.—A player scores many points before it is found he has been playing with the wrong ball. What happens?

The **last** stroke was foul, but all points scored prior to that stroke count. The second player has the option of having the ball spotted or playing from where they have come to rest.

10.—After making a "four shot" the referee, or marker, inadvertently hands the wrong ball to the striker, and the mistake was only noticed after several more scoring shots. Should the player be penalised?

Yes. The obligation is on the player at all times. Actually, fielding of balls should be done by the striker. It is only an act of courtesy on the part of anyone else. The striker is responsible for all that happens in play.

11.—A player potted the red. Before the referee had replaced it on its spot the player played in-off white. Non-striker claimed a foul.

Foul was correct ruling. It is the responsibility of the striker to see all balls are properly spotted before he makes his stroke.

12.—The red ball has come to rest on the Billiard spot, is pot-

ted and then potted again by the same player with the next stroke. Should it be placed on the centre spot?

No. It should be replaced on the Billiard spot. Unless the red has been placed on the spot by hand it is not held to have been spotted for the purpose of the rule.

13. — Two balls became jammed in the middle pocket and below the level of the table bed. Are they held to have been forced off the table?

No. They are held to have entered the pocket and a fair stroke made.

14.—A ball left the bed of the table, rolled along the cushion rail and entered a pocket. What happens?

Stroke was fair.

15.—What is the limit of points that can be scored with two consecutive strokes?

Eighteen. Pot red, in-off red and cannon with first stroke, and, pot red, in-off red, cannon and pot white with the second.

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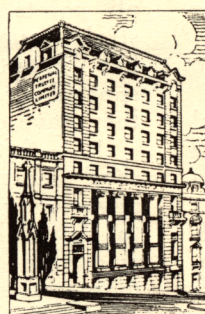
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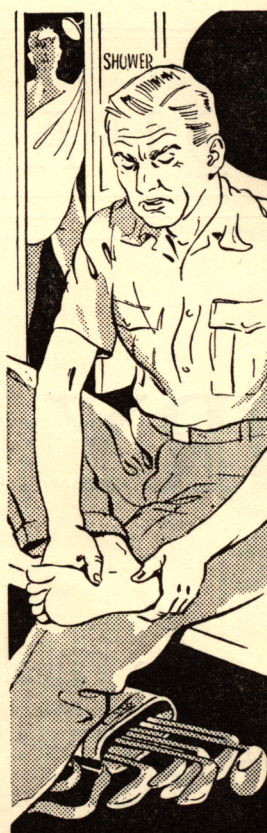
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16.—The red ball is forced off the table with a proper stroke. What penalty?

Foul, and two points awarded the non-striker. It is a common fallacy that the penalty is three points.

17.—If the referee observes a player spotting outside the limits of the "D," should he draw attention to the fact?

No. That would be assisting.

18.—A player about to strike asks the referee if he is playing with the right ball. Is he entitled to do so?

No. All the power the referee has is to inform the player his correct ball is "plain" or "spot."

19.—What is a push-stroke?

A "push" is effected when the cue-tip is in contact with the cue-ball at the moment the cue-ball is in contact with the object-ball. Also if the cue is in contact with the cue-ball when that ball has commenced to move.

20.—Here's a trap: How many points can a player lawfully score from consecutive strokes on the red ball only?

The possible is 150-25 consecutive six-shots. A pot red and in-off in one stroke counts only as one hazard.

21.—For deliberate wasting of time between shots or unsportsmanlike conduct the referee is empowered to award the game to the offending player's opponent.

Snooker Teasers.

Just as billiards players are affected by various rules, so also are the snooker clan—only more so. Probably no game in which members engage has more traps than the multi-ball game on the green cloth. What follows is intended only to assist members to dodge the pitfalls whenever possible.

1.—When has a game of snooker commenced?

When the balls have been spotted, the cue-ball placed in position and struck by the tip of the cue by the player taking first stroke in the game.

2.—A player, before making

the opening stroke, touches the yellow ball with his sleeve. Should he be penalised?

No. The yellow should be re-spotted. The game has not commenced.

3.—With the opening stroke the striker missed all balls. Should the stroke be replayed?

No. A penalty has been committed. Penalty, four points.

4.—What is a snooker?

If, as the result of a foul stroke by your opponent, you are prevented by a ball not "on" from hitting a ball "on" at its extreme edge on either side you are snookered.

5.—If a player is snookered because two reds are touching and he cannot hit the extreme edge of either, is he entitled to a free ball?

No. The obstructing ball is a ball "on."

6.—After potting a red the player nominates the black as his pool ball and snookers his opponent behind it. Is that a shot for penalty?

No. Player is only entitled to a penalty after playing a foul shot on a nominated ball.

7.—Player nominates the black as a red after a foul snooker. In the one stroke he pots the black and also the red. What is the score?

He counts two. The black, on this occasion, became, for the moment, another red.

8.—Player, after a snooker (foul) nominates the green as a yellow. He pots both the green and the yellow in the one stroke. What happens?

He counts two points, the value of the yellow which stays in the pocket while the green is re-spotted.

9.—After a red was potted the cue-ball was left touching the black. The player nominated black as his pool ball and played away from it, missing all balls. What happens?

A fair stroke.

10.—Player is snookered on reds after a foul. He nominated black, miscued, struck a red first and then the black, which he finally potted. Was the stroke fair?

No. First impact of the balls

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BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER—Continued

governs all strokes. The striker must make first contact with the nominated ball.

11.—The "on" ball, after a foul is obstructed on one side by a cushion. That means it cannot be hit on the extreme edge of either side. What happens?

Striker is on the ball "on" because cushions, under the rules, are not regarded as an obstruction.

12.—Red was the ball on. Player has a "free" ball. He nominated yellow, potted it, and then took a red. Should he have been warned?

No. The referee would then be assisting the striker. The second shot was foul.

13.—A player, after a foul shot, leaves his opponent angled. What happens?

Player has the option of playing from the position left or from the "D."

14.—Player was "on" the black, but potted a red. What penalty?

Seven away.

15.—When a pool ball is spotted where should he be re-spotted if its correct spot is occupied?

On the highest available spot. If none be vacant the ball must be spotted as close as possible (but not touching another ball) to its own spot between that spot and the nearest part of the top cushion.

16.—There cannot be a tie at snooker. Why?

Because if scores are equal when the last black is potted that ball is re-spotted and the players toss for choice to see who plays first.

After that the first score or forfeit ends the game.

17.—Missing all balls the striker forces the cue-ball off the table. What is the penalty?

Minimum of four, but governed by the value of the ball "on."

18.—Immediately after a stroke has been played the non-striker claimed a foul because the referee or marker had wrongly spotted a ball previously put into a pocket. Was it a foul?

Yes. It is the striker's obligation to see that all balls are correctly spotted before he fires.

19.—A player inadvertently picked the cue-ball up off the table. What is the penalty?

The value of the ball "on."

20.—Player potted a red and a pool ball in one stroke. Should the pool ball be re-spotted?

Yes. The pool balls, while a red still remains on the table, must always be re-spotted after being pocketed.

21.—When does a red ball count eight points?

If, in the opinion of the referee, a player has been guilty of adopting unfair tactics against his opponent, the referee has the power to award to the aggrieved player the value of all balls on the table, with reds counting eight points each. He could also disqualify the offending player.

22.—Player "A" missed all balls in his break-up. Player "B," not knowing the rules, picked up the cue-ball, and handed

same to his opponent to re-play the stroke. What happens?

Player "B" has committed a foul, and penalty is four points.

23.—Player, using the rest, potted pink, but fouled another ball when lifting rest from the table. What happens?

Foul shot and seven points away (value of "on" ball). Pink is re-spotted.

24.—Player's ball is touching a red. He fires away and hits black.


Fair stroke.

25.—Player is on the black, but, after potting same, touches another ball with his hand or sleeve. What penalty?

Seven away. Value of the ball "on."

That's about enough for one issue.

If any player has any doubts as to how he would stand in any given position he can put his query in writing and hand same into the office, when our secretary, Mr. T. T. Manning, will have same adjudicated upon and answer supplied.



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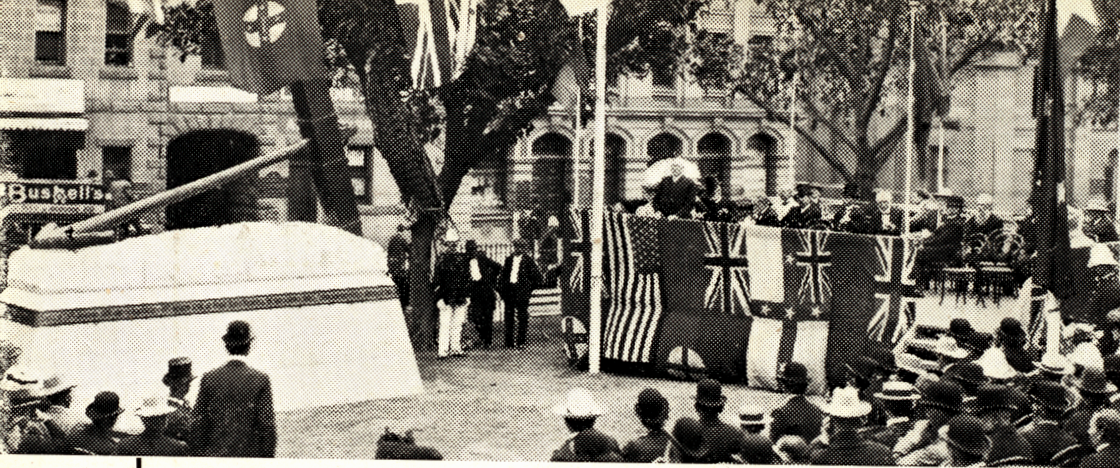
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The unveiling of the Sirius Anchor, Macquarie Place, 1907.

SIRIUS ANCHOR

AN actual relic of "Sirius", the flagship of our First Fleet, is the anchor in Macquarie Place which stands on a stone plinth surrounded with roughened marble.

The anchor spent half a century below the sea and so it is heavily corroded. The palms, as the ends of the flukes are known, have been broken off, but still, with its great wooden shaft, the top of which rises more than 15 feet from the ground, it is an anchor of antiquity.

Beneath the anchor, standing against the pedestal, is a very old iron cannon also from the "Sirius". For many years this cannon was one of the signal guns at Fort Denison.

Around the pedestal, on a dado of metal are carved these words:—

"This anchor belonged to H.M.S. "Sirius", which conveyed the first fleet, sailed from the Isle of Wight, May 13th, 1787, arrived in Botany Bay, January 20th, 1788, anchored in Sydney Cove, Saturday, January 26th, 1788, and was wrecked November 19th, 1790, at Point Ross, Norfolk Island, where this anchor was recovered through the efforts of F. B. Suttor . . . erected 1907".

The "Sirius" originally was named "Berwick", after the Duke of that name, and came into being as a storeship, rated as sixth-rate by the British Admiralty.

We are told that the ship was built for an East Country ship (East India Trade) and in loading, she took fire and was burnt down to her wales. The Government, wanting a roomy vessel to carry stores abroad in 1781, purchased her bottom which was rebuilt with such stuff as could be found. She went two voyages as the "Berwick" storeship and without any repairs she was reported when the present expedition was thought of, as fit for the voyage to New Holland, when she was named the "Sirius".

Thus "Sirius" of 620 tons, with a mainmast rising 122 feet above the deck and a top speed of about 7 knots, became the flagship of the First Fleet to Botany Bay.

Incidentally, the ship's hull was painted bright yellow with a broad black band near the water-line. Captain Phillip was commissioned Commodore in charge of the Fleet—some eleven weird and old vessels—and his broad red pennant flew at the masthead of "Sirius".

Delay after delay prevented the fleet from sailing so that it was many weary months before the eleven vessels set out on their long and perilous journey.

By mid 1787, however, they were well under way. By June 4th of that year the fleet came to anchor in the Santa Cruz Road from whence by way of Rio de Janeiro, Cape Town and finally Botany Bay, it sailed into Sydney Cove on 26th January, 1788.

The sight of the wild and then uncivilised shores of New South Wales must have given rise to curiously contrasted emotions on the part of those who had made the voyage: anxiety and responsibility surely were the reactions of Captain Phillip and his senior

officers; the exhilaration of new adventure possibly inspired younger members of the crew; only utter despair could have shown its tragic face to the unfortunate transportees.

Captain Phillip faced many problems in his Governorship of our first convict colony: one of the most imperative of these was the shortage of food.

A tremendous task had been given to our early settlers who, despite earnest efforts in agriculture barely scratched the soil of the heavily wooded land around Sydney Cove. Crops failed and starvation faced the infant colony.

To the rescue came the good ship "Sirius". Although her upper deck permitted the entrance of water and occasional pumping was necessary, Captain Hunter and his crew, with considerable heroism, took the vessel to the Cape to obtain grain for the famine-stricken settlement at Sydney.

The vessel struck bad weather, so bad that she was severely strained by the waves and to the dismay of the seamen, the figurehead vanished from her bow. Eventually, however, a battered "Sirius" entered Port Jackson with a welcome cargo of grain which gave some temporary relief.

More food was wanted urgently and so "Sirius", as the only craft of any size in the colony, was patched up again and despatched to China. On this occasion Captain Hunter was ordered to discharge en route a detachment of marines and a number of convicts at Norfolk Island, also another ship of the First Fleet, "Supply", was ordered to accompany "Sirius".

"Sirius" reached Norfolk Island on 13th March, 1790, and landed her compulsory passengers. Bad weather then kept the ship at sea for some days but when it moderated Captain Hunter hove to so that provisions might be landed.

Unfortunately, wind freshened and "Sirius" was driven on to the reef. In the heavy surf she became a total wreck in a few minutes, but mercifully, all the crew and much of the stores and provisions were saved.

Very soon the disintegrated parts of "Sirius"

joined the anchor on the bottom, where what sailors call the "mud-hook" remained for well over a century.

Various parties with the best equipment available tried at different times to raise the anchor but failed despite the fact that a reward had been offered by Sir Francis Suttor for the successful effort.

This reward attracted the folk of Norfolk Island to the endeavour. The islanders made it a matter of prayer: their rattle was primitive but their faith was strong and finally they did succeed and obtained the cherished reward.

The historic anchor was presented to the Government of New South Wales by Sir Francis Suttor and brought to Sydney where with due ceremony it was set up in Macquarie Place in January, 1907. It rests there today honoured and treasured—a mute reminder in a busy city of the dauntless courage and unflinching spirit of our earliest pioneers.

"Sirius", "Supply", "Golden Grove", "Fishburn", "Borrowdale", "Scarborough", "Lady Penrhyn", "Friendship", "Charlotte", "Prince of Wales" and "Alexander"—these are the ships of the First Fleet to Australia—names which are printed imperishably on the "honour-roll" of Australian history. And of this gallant list there is none more honoured than "Sirius", the flagship which brought our first Governor, Capt. Phillip, to whose foresight we owe the site of Sydney, today one of the largest cities in the Southern Hemisphere.



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